Reasons for preaching
Anti-Slavery Sermon

{ always been courteous and willing to hear — as Unitn. ought to be.

I respectfully ask you to ~~hear~~ give me a candid & patient hearing now. —

Do I ask it for my own sake — No: not exclusively. It wd. indeed be a gratification & a great reward to me, to see you heartily espousing, on this subject, ye cause of humanity — giving your influence & active aid in behalf of ye. oppressed, of him who has no helpers.

— But I ask it, chiefly, for your own sake, and for ye. sake of ye. enslaved

1. Your own. Because to ~~engage~~ engage in ye. work of delivering ye. oppressed is a good & holy ~~duty~~ work — is ye. duty of all; — & ye. way of duty is ye. only way of safety, peace, salvation.

2. the Slaves' — To free them from their unjust bondage — their cruel wrongs — & to permit ~~restore~~ them to enjoy unmerited those rights & privileges to wh: they are fully entitled, & wh: are now most unrighteously withholden from them.

Text for Anti-Slavery Sermon

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because he hath anointed me, &c &c

[I may lose, or it is said, y. friendly regard of
some who have hitherto extended it
to me. I sh^d. hope not, & will not believe
it, till I see full proof. But, if I do,
it is better & to lose man's favor than God's—
better to forfeit all worldly consideration,
respect & praise than y. approval of one;
conscience & y. approval of God. &
I can — every man can — better afford
to lose every particle of worldly possession
& alienate all human affection, than
to be false to their conviction of duty,
& be careless & disobedient to y. will of God —
yes, infinitely better afford it.]

I am placed here — for what? — to preach that,
& that only, wh. may chance to agree with y. views
of all about me? to preach a part of X^n. truth
& withhold a part, knowg. it to be X^n. truth?

Texts to be quoted.

Eccl. 5:8 "If thou seest yt. oppression of ye. poor, &c. marvel not, &c. for the yt. is higher than ye. higher regardeth".

Eccl. 7:7. "Oppression maketh a wise man mad"

Eccl 8:11 "Because sentence agst an evil work is not executed speedily" &c.

James 5:4 "hire kept back by fraud"

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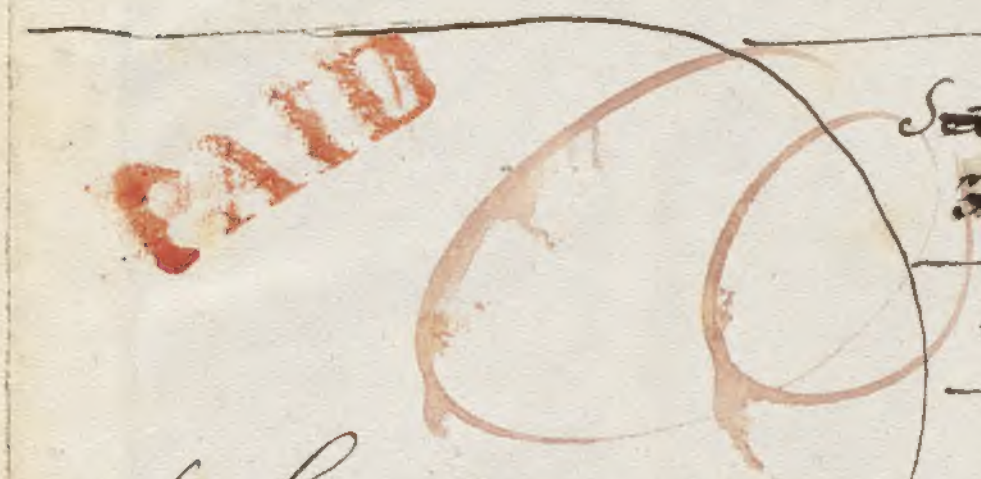

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~~"Forsaken nights I must allow"~~
~~&c &c~~

No - I have undertaken to declare ye. truth of Jesus Xt. ye. Son of GOD - and to do what in me lies to persuade all my hearers to receive his truth & obey it. - I cannot then honestly refrain from declaring all ye. truth, so far as it has been made known to me. I have no choice (Cover)

This is every Xn. minister's duty - to search out what ye. truth of Xt. is, & what ye. Law of God is as revealed in Xt., & make them known. - When a minister ceases to do this, he ceases to be faithful to ye. trust he has taken upon him; - and by the neglect, he brings a heavy weight on his own soul [- If he is unwilling to do ye. work of an evangelist let him cease to attempt its discharge.]

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